

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 15, 30 and 33-37 were previously cancelled. Claims 1, 7, 18, 21, 23 and 25 have been amended herein. All of the pending claims are presented below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please enter these claims as amended.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A dicing saw blade retention assembly, comprising:
a shaped flange including a substantially radially extending support member and a substantially axially-extending spacer member for spacing an adjacent radially extending surface of the support member a fixed distance apart from an axially adjacent element;
a retention element positioned on the spacer member of the shaped flange;
a dicing saw blade positioned on the spacer member of the shaped flange, between the support member of the shaped flange and the retention element;
at least one biasing element located adjacent the retention element, opposite the dicing saw blade to bias the retention element against the dicing saw blade; and
a retention feature on at least one of the retention element and a surface of the support member of the shaped flange located opposite the spacer member thereof.

2. (Previously presented) The dicing saw blade retention assembly of claim 1, wherein the axially adjacent member comprises an axial spacer.

3. (Previously presented) The dicing saw blade retention assembly of claim 2, further comprising:

at least one additional shaped flange positioned axially adjacent to the axial spacer, opposite the shaped flange;

at least one additional retention member positioned on a spacer member of the at least one additional shaped flange;

at least one additional saw blade positioned between the at least one additional retention member and a support member of the at least one additional shaped flange; and

at least another biasing element located adjacent the at least one additional retention element, opposite the at least one additional saw blade to bias the at least one additional retention member against the at least one additional saw blade.

4. (Previously presented) The dicing saw blade retention assembly of claim 1, wherein the axially adjacent member comprises another shaped flange.

5. (Previously presented) The dicing saw blade retention assembly of claim 4, wherein the shaped flange and the another shaped flange are oriented in opposite directions.

6. (Previously presented) The dicing saw blade retention assembly of claim 4, further comprising:

another retention element positioned on a spacer member of the another shaped flange;

another dicing saw blade positioned between the another retention element and a support member of the another shaped flange, the at least one biasing element being positioned between the retention element and the another retention element to bias the retention element against the dicing saw blade and the another retention element against the another dicing saw blade.

7. (Currently amended) The dicing saw blade retention assembly of claim 4, wherein the shaped flange and the another shaped flange are oriented in ~~the~~ a same direction.

8. (Previously presented) The dicing saw blade retention assembly of claim 7, wherein the at least one biasing element is positioned between a support member of the another shaped flange and the retention element.

9. (Previously presented) The dicing saw blade retention assembly of claim 8, further comprising:
another axially adjacent member positioned adjacent to a spacer member of the another shaped flange;
another retention element positioned on the spacer member of the another shaped flange;
another dicing saw blade positioned between the another retention element and the support member of the another shaped flange; and
at least one other biasing element positioned between the another axially adjacent member and the another retention element, opposite the another dicing saw blade to bias the another retention element against the another dicing saw blade.

10. (Previously presented) The dicing saw blade retention assembly of claim 1, wherein an aperture formed centrally through the retention element receives the spacer member of the shaped flange.

11. (Previously presented) The dicing saw blade retention assembly of claim 1, wherein the at least one biasing element comprises a compressible, resilient structure.

12. (Previously presented) The dicing saw blade retention assembly of claim 11, wherein the at least one biasing element comprises an o-ring.

13. (Previously presented) The dicing saw blade retention assembly of claim 11, wherein the at least one biasing element comprises a spring.

14. (Previously presented) The dicing saw blade retention assembly of claim 11, comprising a plurality of biasing elements arranged radially relative to the retention element.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) The dicing saw blade retention assembly of claim 1, wherein the retention feature comprises at least one recess configured to receive at least a portion of the at least one biasing element and to facilitate compression thereof.

17. (Previously presented) The dicing saw blade retention assembly of claim 16, wherein the at least one recess is configured to limit compression of the at least one biasing element.

18. (Currently amended) A ganged dicing saw, comprising:
at least two shaped flanges, each shaped flange including a support member that extends substantially radially and a spacer member that extends substantially axially for at least partially spacing an adjacent radially extending surface of the support member of one of the at least two shaped flanges a fixed distance apart from a corresponding radially extending surface of the support member of another of the at least two shaped flanges;
at least two retention elements, each retention element positioned on the spacer member of a corresponding shaped flange of the at least two shaped flanges;
at least two dicing saw blades, each saw blade positioned on the spacer member of one of the at least two shaped flanges, between the support member and ~~the~~ each retention element of the at least two retention elements of the corresponding shaped flange;

at least one biasing element located adjacent at least one retention element of the at least two retention elements, opposite one dicing saw blade of the at least two dicing saw blades to bias the at least one retention element against the one dicing saw blade; and retention features on at least one of the at least two retention elements and a surface of the support members member of each shaped flange of the at least two shaped flanges located opposite the spacer members member thereof.

19. (Previously presented) The ganged dicing saw of claim 18, further comprising: an axial spacer positioned axially between the at least two shaped flanges.

20. (Previously presented) The ganged dicing saw of claim 18, wherein the at least two shaped flanges are oriented in opposite directions.

21. (Currently amended) The ganged dicing saw of claim 20, wherein the spacer members member of each shaped flange of the at least two shaped flanges extend toward one another.

22. (Previously presented) The ganged dicing saw of claim 21, wherein the at least one biasing element is positioned between adjacent ones of the at least two retention elements.

23. (Currently amended) The ganged dicing saw of claim 18, wherein the at least two shaped flanges are oriented in ~~the~~ a same direction.

24. (Previously presented) The ganged dicing saw of claim 23, wherein the at least one biasing element is positioned between a support member of one of the at least two shaped flanges and a retention element that corresponds to another of the at least two shaped flanges.

25. (Currently amended) The ganged dicing saw of claim 18, wherein an aperture formed centrally through each of the at least two retention elements receives the spacer-~~members~~ member of the corresponding shaped flange.

26. (Previously presented) The ganged dicing saw of claim 18, wherein the at least one biasing element comprises a compressible, resilient structure.

27. (Previously presented) The ganged dicing saw of claim 26, wherein the at least one biasing element comprises an o-ring.

28. (Previously presented) The ganged dicing saw of claim 26, wherein the at least one biasing element comprises a spring.

29. (Previously presented) The ganged dicing saw of claim 26, comprising a plurality of biasing elements arranged radially relative to each of the at least two retention elements.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously presented) The ganged dicing saw of claim 18, wherein the retention features each comprise at least one recess configured to receive at least a portion of the at least one biasing element and to facilitate compression thereof.

32. (Previously presented) The ganged dicing saw of claim 31, wherein the at least one recess is configured to limit compression of the at least one biasing element.

33.-37. (Cancelled)